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GROUP/FOSTER HOME APPLICATION FOR FUNDS: FY 2018-2019 STATE PROGRAM REPORT CODE (PRC) 032 AND FEDERAL PRC 060 FUNDS, AGES 3 THROUGH 21

As stated in *Polices Governing Services for Children with Disabilities* (NC 1506-1.8), "the cost of free appropriate public education for a student with a disability who is placed in or assigned to a group home, foster home or other similar facility, pursuant to State or federal laws, shall be borne by the local board of education in which the group home, foster home or other similar facility is located." Funds have been reserved by the Department of Public Instruction to assist Local Education Agencies (LEAs) with the costs of providing educational and related services to eligible children with disabilities in group or foster homes for the initial year of enrollment.

The Exceptional Children Division provides this funding via an application process. Funds are based on the availability of state and federal funds and are prorated according to how many months remain in the school year at the time of the child's enrollment.

The LEA shall be reimbursed for **each child who was not counted on the previous school year's Average Daily Membership (ADM), December 1 and April 1 child counts**. Reimbursement is provided for eligible children with disabilities for services provided up to ten (10) months. The rate is a total of the following allotments: 1) regular ADM; 2) Federal IDEA 2004; and 3) State Exceptional Children.

Reference materials and the GFH-1 form are listed individually on the Exceptional Children Division's website under the Finance and Grants tab:

<http://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/finance-grants/applications/group-foster-home-program>

Applications must be mailed and postmarked within sixty (60) calendar days of the student's enrollment. Do **not** use example forms or past school year application forms when applying for funds or submitting changes. Applications can be submitted throughout the school year up through May 15, 2019, or until all funds are exhausted.

For further information, contact Lori Peterson at (919) 807-3932 or lori.peterson@dpi.nc.gov.

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